

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification, by placing the following heading and paragraph at the beginning of the specification as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is being filed as a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. §371 and claims all benefits of such a filing designation. In addition, this application claims priority to PCT Patent Application Number PCT/EP2004/051126 entitled "A METHOD, APPARATUS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR PROCESSING A QUEUE OF MESSAGES" and filed on June 16, 2004 for International Business Machines Corporation with the inventor, Stephen James Todd, which is incorporated herein by reference.